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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Closure of Southbound I-5 Off-Ramp to Smokey Bear Road

Gorman — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to close the southbound I-5 off-ramp to Smokey Bear Road from Friday, August 3, at 6 p.m. to Friday, August 10, at 5 a.m. as part of a \$100.1 million pavement improvement project between Vista Del Lago Road and the Kern County line.

The closure will be signed well in advance. Southbound I-5 off-ramps directly north and south of Smokey Bear Road will be open. A detour utilizing Vista Del Lago Road will be posted.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

Lane closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website: <http://www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/>

About the Project

This project will replace slabs in both directions of I-5 between the Vista Del Lago Road overcrossing and the Kern County Line, a distance of 15.4 miles.

The two outside lanes and outside shoulder will be completely replaced, and damaged pavement slabs will be replaced in the inside lanes. Additionally, the project will update drainage features, upgrade the wooden guardrail posts to metal, add post mile signage, widen the inside shoulders, replace broken approach and departure slabs, and repave ramps.

This \$100.1 million project, which will be completed in mid-2015, will extend the life of the pavement, reduce maintenance costs and closures, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The contractor is Griffith/Coffman Joint Venture of Brea, Calif.

Most of the construction will be completed at night to minimize inconvenience to motorists, though there will be some work during the day.

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